consultation should be handled by telephone and documented in the running record.

(c) Applicants who appear eligible but do not have the priority necessary for further consideration at this time should be notified that funds are not available, requested to advise whether they wish to have their application maintained for future consideration and given the following notice:

You are advised against incurring obligations which would limit the range of alternatives to be considered, or which cannot be fulfilled without FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 funds until the funds are actually made available. Therefore, you should refrain from such actions as initiating engineering and legal work, taking actions which would have an adverse effect on the environment, taking options on land rights, developing detailed plans and specifications, or inviting construction bids until notified by Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 to proceed.

§1942.108 Application docket preparation and review.

- (a) Guides. Application dockets should be developed in accordance with §1942.2(c) of subpart A of this part 1942.
 - (b) [Reserved]
- (c) Budgets. All applicants must complete Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 442-7, "Operating Budget," except as provided in this paragraph. Applicants with annual incomes not exceeding \$100,000 may, with concurrence of the District Director, use Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 1942-52, "Cash Flow Projection," instead of Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 442-7. Projections should be provided for the current year and each year thereafter until the facility is expected to have been in operation for a full year and a full annual installment paid on the loan.
- (d) Letter of conditions. The District Director should prepare and issue a letter of conditions in accordance with §1942.5 (a)(1) and (c) of subpart A of this part 1942.
- (e) Organizational review. As early in the application process as practical, the approval official should obtain cop-

ies of organization documents from each applicant and forward them through the State Office to the Regional Attorney for review and comments. The Regional Attorney's comments should be received and considered before obligation of funds.

(f) National Office review. Applications that require National Office review will be submitted in accordance with §1942.5(b) of subpart A of this part 1942.

(g) State Office review. The State Office must monitor fire and rescue and other small community facility project loanmaking and servicing and provide guidance, assistance, and training as necessary to ensure the activities are accomplished in an orderly manner consistent with the Agency's regulations. The processing office should request advice and assistance from the State Office as needed. The State Director may require all or part of a specific application docket to be submitted to the State Office for review at any time. The State Director may determine that one or more of the processing office staffs do not have adequate training and expertise to routinely complete application dockets without State Office review. In such cases, the State Director should establish guidelines by memorandum or by State supplement to the subpart for the necessary State Office reviews.

(h) Loan approval and fund obligation. Loans must be approved and obligated in accordance with §1942.5(d) of subpart A of this part 1942 and subpart A of part 1901 of this chapter.

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§§ 1942.109-1942.110 [Reserved]

§1942.111 Applicant eligibility.

- (a) General. Loans under this subpart are subject to the provisions of §1942.17(b) of subpart A of this part 1942.
- (b) Credit elsewhere determinations. The approval official must determine whether financing from commercial sources at reasonable rates and terms is available. If credit elsewhere is indicated, the approval official should inform the applicant and recommend the applicant apply to commercial sources